

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE**

In re:

JOANN INC., *et al.*,¹

Debtors.

Chapter 11

Case No. 25-10068 (CTG)

(Jointly Administered)

Re: Docket Nos. 985, 1006 and 1163

**SIXTEENTH ORDER AUTHORIZING THE DEBTORS TO ASSUME AND
ASSIGN CERTAIN EXECUTORY CONTRACTS AND/OR UNEXPIRED LEASES**

Pursuant to and in accordance with the *Order (I) Authorizing and Approving Procedures to Reject or Assume Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases and (II) Granting Related Relief* [Docket No. 429] (the “Procedures Order”)² entered in the chapter 11 cases of the above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the “Debtors”); and it appearing that the *Sixteenth Notice of Assumption and Assignment of Certain Executory Contracts and/or Unexpired Leases* [Docket No. 1006](the “Assumption Notice”) satisfies the requirements set forth in the Procedures Order; and the United States District Court for the District of Delaware having jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1334, which was referred to the Court under 28 U.S.C. § 157 and the *Amended Standing Order of Reference* from the United States District Court for the District of Delaware, dated February 29, 2012; and this Court having found that this is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2); and this Court having found that this Court may enter a final

¹ The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, are: JOANN Inc. (5540); Needle Holdings LLC (3814); Jo-Ann Stores, LLC (0629); Creative Tech Solutions LLC (6734); Creativebug, LLC (3208); WeaveUp, Inc. (5633); JAS Aviation, LLC (9570); joann.com, LLC (1594); JOANN Ditto Holdings Inc. (9652); Dittopatterns LLC (0452); JOANN Holdings 1, LLC (9030); JOANN Holdings 2, LLC (6408); and Jo-Ann Stores Support Center, Inc. (5027). The Debtors' mailing address is 5555 Darrow Road, Hudson, Ohio 44236.

² Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein have the meanings ascribed to them in the Procedures Order.

order consistent with Article III of the United States Constitution; and this Court having found that venue of this proceeding and the Assumption Notice in this district is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409; and this Court having found that the relief requested in the Assumption Notice is in the best interests of the Debtors' estates, their creditors, and other parties in interest; and this Court having found that the Debtors' notice of the Assumption Notice and opportunity for a hearing on the Assumption Notice were appropriate and no other notice need be provided; and this Court having reviewed the Assumption Notice; and this Court having determined that the legal and factual bases set forth in the Assumption Notice establish just cause for the relief granted herein; and upon all of the proceedings had before this Court; and after due deliberation and sufficient cause appearing therefor, it is HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. The Contracts set forth in **Exhibit 1** attached hereto are assumed effective as of the Assumption Date and assigned to the Counterparty listed on **Exhibit 1**, as applicable. The assumption of the Contracts set forth in **Exhibit 1** are subject to the Debtors' paying the cure amounts, if any, set forth in **Exhibit 1**, to the Contract Counterparty in a manner consistent with the terms of the applicable agreement (a) if the cure amount is undisputed, promptly after the entry of this Order or (b) if the cure amount is disputed, the earlier of (i) the date on which the Debtors and Contract Counterparty agree to a cure amount or (ii) the date specified in a final and non-appealable order entered by this Court following a hearing determining such cure amount scheduled with notice to the objecting Contract Counterparty. Upon satisfaction of the cure amount, each Contract Counterparty is forever barred, estopped, and enjoined from asserting against the Debtors or their successors or assigns any additional cure costs or other interests with respect to its Contract that arose, accrued, or came due on or before the Assumption Date.

2. With regard to Contracts to be assigned incident to the closing of a sale under section 363 of the Bankruptcy Code which satisfies the requirements of Code section 363(f), pursuant to sections 105(a) and 363(f) of the Bankruptcy Code, the assignment of any Contract upon the closing of such sale shall: (a) be free and clear of (i) all liens (and any liens shall attach to the proceeds in the same order and priority subject to all existing defenses, claims, setoffs, and rights) and (ii) any and all claims (as that term is defined in section 101(5) of the Bankruptcy Code), obligations, demands, guaranties of or by the Debtors, debts, rights, contractual commitments, restrictions, interests, and matters of any kind and nature, whether arising prior to or subsequent to the commencement of these chapter 11 cases, and whether imposed by agreement, understanding, law, equity, or otherwise (including, without limitation, claims and encumbrances (A) that purport to give to any party a right or option to effect any forfeiture, modification, or termination of the interest of any Debtor or Assignee, as the case may be, in the Contract(s) (but only in connection with the assignment by the Debtor to the Assignee) or (B) in respect of any taxes), *provided, however*, that any such assignment shall not be free and clear of any accrued but unbilled or not due rent and charges under a lease of non-residential real property including adjustments, reconciliations, and indemnity obligations, liability for which shall be assumed by the Debtors or the applicable Assignee, as agreed by and among the Debtors and the applicable Assignee; and (b) constitutes a legal, valid, and effective transfer of such Contract(s) and vests the applicable Assignee with all rights, titles, and interests to the applicable Contracts.³ For the avoidance of doubt, all provisions of the applicable assigned Contract, including any provision limiting assignment, shall be binding on the applicable Assignee.

³ Certain of the Contracts may contain provisions that restrict, prohibit, condition, or limit the assumption and/or assignment of such Contract. The Debtors rights are reserved with respect to the enforceability of such provisions, as are the rights of any party in interest to object to such claims.

3. Subject to and conditioned upon the occurrence of a closing with respect to the assumption and assignment of any Contract, and subject to the other provisions of this Order (including the aforementioned Assumption Procedures), the Debtors are authorized in accordance with sections 365(b) and (f) of the Bankruptcy Code to (a) assume and assign to any Assignees the applicable Contracts, with any applicable Assignee being responsible only for the post-assignment liabilities or defaults under the applicable Contracts except as otherwise provided for in this Order and (b) execute and deliver to any applicable Assignee such assignment documents as may be reasonably necessary to sell, assign, and transfer any such Contract.

4. The Debtors' right to assert that any provisions in the Contract that expressly or effectively restrict, prohibit, condition, or limit the assignment of or the effectiveness of the Contract to an Assignee are unenforceable anti-assignment or *ipso facto* clauses is fully reserved, as are the rights of any counterparty to object to such assertion.

5. The Assignee shall have no liability or obligation with respect to defaults relating to the assigned Contracts arising, accruing, or relating to a period prior to the applicable closing date; *provided* that any such assignment shall not be free and clear of any accrued but unbilled or not due rent and charges under a lease of non-residential real property including adjustments, reconciliations, and indemnity obligations, liability for which shall be assumed by the Debtors or the applicable Assignee, as agreed by and among the Debtors and the applicable Assignee.

6. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, the Debtors are authorized to remove any Contract from the schedule to the Assumption Notice at any time prior to the Assumption Date.

7. The Debtors are hereby authorized, pursuant to section 363(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, to enter into consensual amendments with the written consent of the applicable Assumption Counterparty as set forth in an Assumption Notice.

8. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, any payment to be made hereunder, and any authorization contained herein, shall be subject to any interim and final orders, as applicable, approving the use of cash collateral, and any budgets in connection therewith governing any such use of cash collateral.

9. Nothing contained in the Assumption Notice or this Order, and no action taken pursuant to the relief requested or granted (including any payment made in accordance with this Order), is intended as or shall be construed or deemed to be: (a) an admission as to the amount of, basis for, or validity of any claim against the Debtors under the Bankruptcy Code or other applicable nonbankruptcy law; (b) a waiver of the Debtors' or any other party in interest's right to dispute any claim on any grounds; (c) a promise or requirement to pay any particular claim; (d) an implication, admission or finding that any particular claim is an administrative expense claim, other priority claim or otherwise of a type specified or defined in the Assumption Notice or this Order; (e) a request or authorization to assume, adopt, or reject any agreement, contract, or lease pursuant to section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code; (f) an admission as to the validity, priority, enforceability or perfection of any lien on, security interest in, or other encumbrance on property of the Debtors' estates; or (g) a waiver or limitation of any claims, causes of action or other rights of the Debtors or any other party in interest against any person or entity under the Bankruptcy Code or any other applicable law.

10. Notice of the Assumption Notice as provided therein shall be deemed good and sufficient notice of such Assumption Notice and the requirements of Bankruptcy Rule 6004(a) and the Local Rules are satisfied by such notice.

11. Notwithstanding Bankruptcy Rule 6004(h), the terms and conditions of this Order are immediately effective and enforceable upon its entry.

12. The Debtors are authorized to take all actions necessary to effectuate the relief granted in this Order.

13. This Court retains exclusive jurisdiction with respect to all matters arising from or related to the implementation, interpretation, and enforcement of this Order.



Dated: June 16th, 2025
Wilmington, Delaware

CRAIG T. GOLDBLATT
UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE